SI. No.	Name of State/UT	Total No. of Distts at the commencement of VII Plan	JNVs sanctioned	Balance Distts	% coverage w.r.to (col. 3)
6.	Mizoram		03	03	100%
7.	Andaman and Nicobar		02	02 —	100%
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli		01	01 —	100%
9.	Daman and Diu		02 .	p2 —	100%
10.	Lakshadweep		01	01 —	100%
11.	Pondicherry		04	04 —	100%
12.	Madhya Pradesh		45	45 —	100%
13	Chandigarh		01	01 —	100%
14.	Meghalaya		06	06 —	100%
15.	Tripura		03	03 —	100%
16.	Punjab		12	12 —	100%
17.	Rajasthan		28	29# —	100%
	TOTAL		444*	404 46	

*Excluding newly created districts and districts in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.
@ Three extra schools have been taken for Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay and two for Chennai.
# One JNV each has been sanctioned in Naupada, Dhenkanal and Kendrapada in Orissa, Kota (Rajasthan), Mungar (Bihar) and Gadag (Karnataka) as a special case.

Felicitation to Salman Rushdie

1974. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Salman Rushdie has been granted visa to visit the country of his origin, if so. whether Government have any plan to suitably receive and felicitate an illustrious son of the soil;

(b) whether Government are unable to felicitate him due to political consideration; and

(c) if so, whether Sahitya Akademi has any plan to notice his visit adequately?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

(c) Sahitya Akademi has not taken any decision to felicitate Salman Rushdie during his visit.

Recognition of computer as a regular subject

1975. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various schools in Delhi and in other States have introduced computers as a regular subject;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since the subject is not recognised by C.B.S.E. there is no provision for posts of Computer Teachers in these schools, both Government aided/ Recognised schools; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to recognise computers as a subject and make provision for creation of posts of Computer Teacher?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced Computer Studies as an elective subject for class X and XII. Similarly Computer Literacy has been introduced as an optional subject in the curriculum of Work Experience which is an internally evaluated subject. In addition to this, Board also provides Computer application under Vocational Stream curriculum.

All the schools affiliated to CBSE are free to seek affiliation for the above subjects. As per the affiliation Bye-Laws such schools should have adequate teaching staff possessing the necessary qualification laid down for various posts/ subject teachers by the Board.

Observance of the year of Christ

1976. SHRI RAJUBHAI PARMAR:
SHRI V.N. GADGIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to observe year 2000 as the Year of Christ;

(b) whether Government have constituted any Committee to chalk out concrete programmes for this celebration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) No decision has as yet been taken to observe year 2000 as the Year of Christ.

Proposals for new Railway stations

1977. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for construction of new railway stations of Northern Railways, pending with Government during the last three years;

(b) the present status of each proposal;

(c) when the preliminary works such as survey etc., has been/will be taken up; and

(d) by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There are no such proposals pending with the Government at present.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Rail connection between Ambikapur and Anuppur

1978. KUMARI NIRMALA DESH PANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ambikapur in Distt-Sarguja, M.P. is being connected directly with Anuppur;

(b) if so, when it would become operational; and

(c) if not, what arc the difficulties in fulfilling the long standing demand of the tribal district of Sarguja?